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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPEMENT FROM TAIWAN

1. THE 5 SEPTEMBER BRIEFING OF MARSHAL LON NOL BY HIS STAFF CONTAINED A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BRIEF DATELINED TAIPEI STATING THAT THE U.S. WOULD PURCHASE \$65 MILLION WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM TAIWAN DURING 1974. THE ARTICLE FURTHER INDICATES THAT HIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE A FEW DAYS AFTER THE U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM TAIWAN. WE HAVE TRACED THE ARTICLE TO AFP PARIS AND UPI WASHINGTON.

2. THE MARSHAL DIRECTED HIS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SEUCRITY COUNCIL, BG EK PROEUNG TO PURSUE WITH MEDTC THE POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT. BG EK PROEUNG RELAYED THE REQUEST TO DEPCHEIF MEDTC ON 6 SEPTEMBER. SINCE THEN REQUEST HAS BEEN DIRECTLY POSED TO CHMEDTC AND TO CHIEF LOG DIV, MEDTC BY FANK G4.

3. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF THE VALIDITY OF THE \$65 MILLION PURCHASE, WHAT THE PARAMETERS ARE, AND ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE WITH WHICH TO BASE A REPLY TO THE MARSHAL. THE FANK COULD CERTAINLY USE MANY OF THE ITEMS OF MILITARY
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EQUIPMENT MADE IN TAIWAN. WE RECOGNIZE THAT UNDER CURRENT

CONDITIONS, ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO FANK FROM TAIWAN WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED
IN CB-MAP.
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